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TAGS: PARM, UK

SUBJECT: MBFR - HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION ISSUE

REFS: STATE 71829 AND LONDON 4560

1. WE DELIVERED SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ON MBFR TO FOREIGN SECRETARY'S PRIVATE OFFICE THIS MORNING. IT WILL BE BROUGHT TO SIR ALEC'S ATTENTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
2. AFTERWAIDS WE SAW WIGGIN AND MCLAREN. WIGGIN'S PERSONAL REACTION WAS THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE " IMPRACTICABLE" TO MAKE ANY CHANGE IN INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO UK NATO FOR TODAY'S NAC MEETING (LONDON 4560). DISPOSITION OF BOTH WIGGIN AND MCLAREN WAS TO RECOMMEND TO FOREIGN SECRETARY THAT SECRETARY'S MESSAGE BE CONSIDERED CAREFULLY IN CONTEXT NAC DISCUSSIONS TODAY AND REPLY BE SENT IN A COUPLE OF DAYS. WIGGIN SAID HOWEVER HE WOULD HAVE TO SEEK GUIDANCE. HE PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH US LATER IN THE DAY.
3. DISCUSSING BRITISH ATTITUDE TOWARD SOVIET PROCEDURES PAPER, WIGGIN AMPLIFIED A BIT ON WHAT TICKELL HAD TOLD US LAST NIGHT. HE SAID BRITISH READILY AGREE THAT VIENNA EXEICISE SHOULD BE WOUND UP QUICKLY, BUT THEY DO NOT SEE NEED FOR HASTE IN TRYING TO FIND NAC CONSENSUS. BRITISH CLING TO HOPE THAT NAC WILL TAKE TIME TO EXPLORE ISSUE CAREFULLY AND EXAMINE ALTERNATIVES. WIGGIN OBSERVED THAT BRITISH POSITION ON SOVIET PROCEDURES PAPER " IS NOT A CATEGORIC NO BUT THERE IS NO

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BLINKING THE FACT THAT WE DON' T LIKE THE PAPER." TICKELL
USED STRONGER LANGUAGE LAST NIGHT TO EXPRESS HIS DISTASTE
FOR E THEN.

5. COMMENTS: I SUSPECT THIS MATTER WILL BE CONSIDERED AT HEAD
OF GOVT GEN RAMANANTSOA' LEVEL BEFORE POSITION TAKEN. I AM
DUBIOUS ABOUT SENDING EMBASSY OFFICIER TO SEE BROMBART AT
AIRPORT
IN TRANSIT SINCE RANDRIANATORA HAS BE PRESENT. SHALL
PROBABLY ASK THAT BROMBART BE NOTIFIED EITHER IN WASH OR IN
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